

**A PROVISIONAL REPORT**  
**ON-DUTY FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**Date Range 1/1/2006 to 8/31/2006**

**Number of On-Duty Firefighter Fatalities: 68**  
**Count of Hometown Heroes: 7**

**Classification:**

18 Career 26.4%  
4 Wildland Full-Time 5.88%  
1 Part-Time(Paid) 1.47%  
1 Paid-on-Call 1.47%  
38 Volunteer 55.8%  
1 Wildland Part-Time 1.47%  
4 Wildland Contract 5.88%  
1 Unknown 1.47%

**Number of Multiple Firefighter Fatality Incidents: 4**  
**Number of Firefighter Fatalities Associated with Wildland Incidents: 13**

**Type of Duty:**

8 Responding 11.7%  
4 Training 5.88%  
28 On-Scene Fire 41.1%  
6 On-Scene Non-Fire 8.82%  
12 After 17.6%  
9 Other On-Duty 13.2%  
1 Other 1.47%

**Percent of Fatalities Related to Emergency Duty: 66.1%**  
**Number of firefighter fatalities associated with suspicious/arson fires: 1**

**Type of Incident:**

11 Wildland 16.1%  
21 Structure Fire 30.8%  
5 MVA 7.35%  
1 Hazmat 1.47%  
2 EMS 2.94%  
1 Tech Rescue 1.47%  
1 Outside Fire 1.47%  
1 False Alarm 1.47%  
23 Not Incident Related 33.8%  
2 Other 2.94%

**Cause of Fatal Injury:**

9 Caught/Trapped 13.2%  
1 Contact with 1.47%  
33 Stress/Overexertion 48.5%  
1 Exposure 1.47%  
4 Collapse 5.88%  
3 Struck by 4.41%  
14 Vehicle Collision 20.5%  
1 Lost 1.47%  
1 Other 1.47%  
1 Unknown 1.47%

**Nature of Fatal Injury:**

6 Asphyxiation 8.82%  
6 Crushed 8.82%  
2 Burns 2.94%  
2 CVA 2.94%  
17 Trauma 25%  
1 Electrocution 1.47%  
31 Heart Attack 45.5%  
2 Other 2.94%  
1 Unknown 1.47%

**Age of Firefighter When the Fatal Injury Was Sustained:**

1 - Under 21  
3 - 21 to 25  
2 - 26 to 30  
18 - 31 to 40  
19 - 41 to 50  
17 - 51 to 60  
8 - 61 and Over

**Percent of Firefighter Fatalities Under Age 40 -32.4%**

**Type of Activity:**

3 S&R 4.41%  
1 IC 1.47%  
10 Advance Hose Lines 14.7%  
1 Extrication 1.47%  
8 Responding 11.7%  
7 Support 10.2%  
1 Pump Ops 1.47%  
4 Unknown 5.88%  
14 Not On Scene 20.5%  
3 Not Incident Related 4.41%  
16 Unknown 23.5%

**Time of Fatal Injury:**

4 0100-0259  
2 0300-0459  
5 0500-0659  
3 0700-0859  
4 0900-1059  
5 1100-1259  
5 1300-1459  
6 1500-1659  
10 1700-1859  
8 1900-2059  
6 2100-2259  
2 2300-0059  
8 Unknown

**Month of the Year:**

8 January 11.7%  
4 February 5.88%  
10 March 14.7%  
14 April 20.5%  
3 May 4.41%  
6 June 8.82%  
5 July 7.35%  
18 August 26.4%

### **Firefighter Fatalities by State by Location of Fire Service Organization:**

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1 Colorado 1.47%  
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1 Indiana 1.47%  
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1 Michigan 1.47%  
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1 Nevada 1.47%  
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